GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:324
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REVIVAL PACKAGE FOR AILING FERTILIZER PSUS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to constitute a Group of Ministersunder the Chairmanship of Finance Minister to chalk out a fertilizer policy and draft revival package for four ailing fertilizer PSUs;

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the Group;

(c) whether the State Governments, farmers and Industry have been consulted in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) A Group of Ministers (GOM) has been constituted on 8.6.2001 toexamine the rehabilitation/ restructuring proposals and submit its recommendations in respect of the four sick fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) with the following composition.

Shri Yashwant Sinha,
Minister of Finance.

Shri Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa,
Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers.

Shri Nitish Kumar,
Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Railways.

Shri Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development, Minister of Science & Technology and Minister of Ocean Development.

Shri Ram Naik,
Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Shri Arun Shourie,
Minister of State (independent charge) of the Department of Disinvestment, Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning, Minister of State in the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation and Minister of State in the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

The terms of reference of the GOM does not include the drawing up of the fertilizer policy.

(c) & (d) Does not arise in view of the reply to parts (a) & (b).